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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ribbon Cutting Event for State Route 118 Westbound Widening Project

- WHO:** Cindy McKim, Director, California Department of Transportation; Michael Miles, Caltrans District 7 Director; William Fulton, chair, Ventura County Transportation Commission and mayor of the City of Ventura; Bob Huber, mayor, City of Simi Valley; Steven Sojka, mayor pro tem, City of Simi Valley; and Lieutenant Susan May, California Highway Patrol.
- WHAT:** Project completion celebration for SR-118 Westbound Widening.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** Park & Ride lot located on Tapo Canyon Road @ SR-118 in Simi Valley.
- DIRECTIONS:** From **Eastbound SR-118:** exit at Tapo Canyon Road. Turn left onto Tapo Canyon Road then u-turn at the first light. Turn right into the Park & Ride. From **Westbound SR-118:** exit at Tapo Canyon Road. Turn left on Tapo Canyon Road, then turn right into the Park & Ride.
- BACKGROUND:** The project added one mixed-flow lane on westbound SR-118 from the Los Angeles County line to Tapo Canyon Road. On eastbound SR-118, one mixed-flow lane was added from Tapo Canyon Road to Tapo Street and from Kuehner Road to the Los Angeles County line. Additionally, the Tapo Canyon Bridge undercrossing has been widened to accommodate a wider roadway. This \$19.1 million project, which began in early 2010, received partial funding of \$6.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- BENEFITS:** These improvements will increase mobility, relieve congestion, and provide a smoother and safer driving facility for the motoring public on SR-118, a vital link for goods movement and services between Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

